

**BITTERROOT JOB SERVICE EMPLOYERS' COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 15, 2005**

Present:

Deb Morris., Marcus Daly Hospital
Betty Lund, Ravalli County
Patty West, OPA
Cindy Beck, Albertson's
Linda Valentine, HRC
Patty Furniss, Bitterroot JSWC

Mark Seitz, Citizens State Bank
Michele Seitz, Farmers State Bank
Lillian Thayer, Pigman Builders
Zana Westfield, Chamber of Commerce
Vickie Steele, Bitterroot JSWC
Kathleen Cannon-Siegle, Bitterroot JSWC

Introductions: Introductions were made with business affiliation.

Minutes: The February minutes were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report: After noting income and expenses, Debbie reported the Bitterroot JSEC account balance as \$5,464.86.

Job Service Update: Patti reported that she is applying for a small grant that will last 14 months and will be split between Ravalli, Missoula and Mineral counties. It is focused on the health care field and would provide \$14,000 to train 30 individuals. LVA Bitterroot now has a class for pre-CNA training. Patti provided the latest legislative updates on HB-589 and HB-2.

JSEC/Managers Meeting: The keynote speaker for this year's meeting in Glasgow is Steve Beck with Beck and Associates. He comes with glowing recommendations and his topic will be "Increasing Customer Satisfaction by Being Your Best Every Single Day!" Michele commented on the MSEC fundraising raffle prizes of a digital camera as first prize and two round trip tickets with Big Sky Airlines as second prize. Raffle ticket books were distributed to interested members. Our JSEC's silent auction item was discussed and a basket of several items, i.e., a Bitterroot glass paperweight, DVD entitled "The Story of the Bitterroot" and a live potted Bitterroot plant were suggestions mentioned. A motion was passed for our JSEC to donate up to \$100 for a MSEC silent auction gift. Kathleen will check into the cost of the items mentioned.

Bitterroot Community Job Fair: Vickie Steele reported that there are 149 employers and community resources committed thus far. She commented that we need more tables and Betty Lund said that Gary at the Fairgrounds will be purchasing some tables and she will see if they can be purchased right away. Kathleen noted highlights of the delectable edibles being provided for our employers and community resource representatives. Vickie listed the marketing and advertising strategies being used for this event. Kudos to you, Vickie!

Vikki Bell is in the hospital and a motion was passed for our JSEC to spend up to \$50 for a plant and card for Vikki. Cindy offered to select a blossoming gift and Betty Lund has volunteered to deliver it and a card to Vikki's home. Get well soon, Vikki!

Cursory Review of JSEC Account: Michele commented that a very qualified friend of hers who specializes in non-profit organizations would audit our JSEC account for a \$40 fee. A motion was passed for a review of the account. Cindy Beck remarked that if we have the audit before our next monthly meeting we could place half in a CD and have enough to operate on for the next six months.

Cindy asked members to suggest some goals. Remarks included scholarships and Employer Appreciation Awards possibly to be presented at the Job Service Employer Appreciation Night to include several categories. The executive committee will meet in August and present options at the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned.